In regard to the landing ghats and boat basins, estimates have been already sanctioned, and the Government will see if the works could be taken up sooner than according to the programme of works.

The other representations of the Members are noted.

105. The improvement of the public tanks in the town of Mavelikara.

Mr. N. G. Parameswaran Pillai (Member, Mavelikara taluk) said that there were only three public tanks within the town of Mavelikara for the use of the public for bathing and watering cattle. Even those tanks had become unfit for use owing to long neglect. During the hot season there would be no water in them.

Dewan's reply.—The need for the repair of these tanks was brought to my notice during my last tour in the Mavelikara taluk and a report has been called for from the Dewan Peishkar. The question will receive consideration on receipt of the Peishkar's report.

106. The sanitation of the town of Vaikam.

Mr. G. Aiyappen Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Vaikam) said that the existing outlets, constructed by the Government at great cost, to drain off the *kadi* from the Vaikom temple and the impure water from the temple tank, were not in working order, and consequently, the sanitary condition of the place was jeopardised. He requested that the outlets should be improved and the road to the west of the temple widened to provide ample accommodation for the vast concourse of people assembling on occasions of festivals.

He also requested that the portion of the Ettumanoor road near the Vaikam Hospital, which was in a very neglected condition, should be thoroughly repaired.

The two tanks on the east and north of the temple were under the control of the Devaswom authorities and the tanks were in a very bad state, highly prejudicial to the health of the town. The Member requested that those tanks should be handed over to the T. I. C.

He next pointed out that the arrack shops in the town were situated close to some of the public institutions and were a source of public nuisance. He requested that the shops might be shifted from their present sites and the Excise Department instructed to consult the Committee as regards the location or transfer of shops within the town.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

107. Improvements to be effected in the town of Kottayam.

Mr. K. M. Mathuila Mappilla (Member, T. I. C, Kottayam) said that the following improvements were necessary in the town and he requested that necessary action might be taken as early as possible :—

(1) The town roads were insufficient to meet the necessities of the public. The Kodimatha–Kanjikuzhi road was the principal public road in the town and that was the only road by which the people could go to all public institutions of the place. The growing importance of the town and the increased traffic on the above road demanded the construction of one or two roads parallel to it.

(2) The necessity of a public market in the town was keenly felt. The present market site was inadequate for the purpose. The existing market should therefore be extended or a fresh site acquired by the Government for the establishment of a public market. In view of the rapid rise in the value of lands, he requested that the matter should receive immediate attention.

(3) Bathing ghats should be constructed at Thazhathangadi, Puthanangadi, Kodimatha, Nagampadam and other convenient places for the use of the public as the want of such places was keenly felt by the people.

Dewan's reply.—The Dewan Peishkar, Kottayam, will be asked to report on the Member's suggestion about the market place. The other suggestions of the Member will also be referred to the Peishkar for report.

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